

# Brentwood NEWSLETTER



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## May Recycling Pick-up Dates

May 11 & 12  
May 25 & 26

## Update on the Brentwood Tax Assessment Cyclical Data Collection Project

The Brentwood Cyclical Data Collection project is entering the next phase of a 2+ year process to ensure accurate data is represented on each owner's property assessment record. Jim Michaud, the Town's tax assessor contractor hired by the Brentwood Board of Selectmen, has been in town measuring and listing property starting in December of 2008 and will continue through 2010.

Jim has photo identification issued by, and his vehicle information on record at, the Brentwood Police Department. The data collection started in the northern part of town and is moving southerly from there.

It is necessary that property owners please allow the data collectors to inspect the interior as well as conduct exterior measurements of all buildings on the site. If no one is home at the time the data collector arrives, he will leave a yellow call-back card with a phone number for the property owner to call to schedule an interior inspection.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please call the Brentwood Board of Selectmen's Office at: 642-6400, ext. 10. Thank you for your cooperation.

*Board of Selectmen*

## Waste Tonnage Figures

	February	March
Tons, Mixed solid waste	84.86	140.05 (5 coll. wks.)
Tons, Recycled goods	20.50 (19.5%)	31.74 (18.5%)

## Openings on the Planning Board

The Planning Board is an elected 7-member board and can also have up to 5 appointed alternate members. When a vacancy occurs, the board can fill the elected position until the next regular municipal election, and appoint alternates as needed. We currently have one open seat as a regular member, and 4 openings for alternates.

The Planning Board is responsible for planning for the orderly growth of the town, as would be allowed by the zoning and site plan review regulations, adopted by the town and board respectively.

We invite interested residents to consider joining the board: no previous experience is required. We are a group with diverse backgrounds and work experience. Meetings are held on the first and third Thursdays, beginning at 7:00 and are always open to the public. The Planning Board office is open Monday through Thursday from 8 am to 4:30 pm.

*Bruce Stevens, Chair*

## Memorial Day – Monday, May 31, 2010

**Location: Tonry Cemetery, Rte 111-A, Brentwood**

This Memorial Day we will be having our annual dedication to those service men and women who gave their lives so that we may have our Freedoms. Our services will **start at 8 am** and will **conclude at 8:30 am**. We will be having the Epping American Legion come by and dedicate a wreath to our departed. There will be a short speech and other dedications.

Please come and bring your children so they may learn more about **WHY** we have a 3-day weekend on Memorial Day, and its cost. Thank you in advance for your participation.

Any Veteran interested in participating, please contact Jon Worrall, USA Ret at 603-566-8450.

*Jon Worrall*

**TOWN OF BRENTWOOD** On the Web: [www.brentwoodnh.gov](http://www.brentwoodnh.gov)**TOWN CLERK and TAX COLLECTOR:**

Phone: 642-6400 X 14  
 Mon., Wed., Thurs. 9:00-4:30  
 Tuesday 9:00-8:00  
 Friday 8:30-4:00  
 Saturday 9:00-12:00

**TOWN ADMINISTRATOR**

Phone: 642-6400 X 10 Fax: 642-6310  
 Monday–Thursday 8:00-4:30  
 Friday 9:00-1:00

**MARY E. BARTLETT LIBRARY**

Phone: 642-3355 E-mail: [bartlettlibrary@comcast.net](mailto:bartlettlibrary@comcast.net)  
 On the Web: [www.brentwoodlibrary.org](http://www.brentwoodlibrary.org)  
 Monday 2-7 Thursday 9-5  
 Tuesday 9-5 Friday 9-1  
 Wednesday 9-5 Saturday 9-1  
 Story Hours: Tuesday 10:30 and 2:00 Wednesday 10:30

**SWASEY CENTRAL SCHOOL**

Phone: 642-3487  
 Swasey on the Web: <http://scs.sau16.org>  
 SAU 16 on the Web: <http://www.sau16.org>



Phyllis Thompson received flowers at the March Town Meeting to celebrate her 30 years as Town Clerk

**From the Town Clerk/Tax Collector**

- The office will be closed May 19, as we will be attending Town Clerks' Workshop.
- Fines for dog licenses must be imposed starting June 1. Renewals should have been done by April 30.
- I will be doing the tax lien for 2009 taxes in May.

*Phyllis Thompson*

**Want to Grow Your Own Vegetables?**

...but don't have good soil or enough sun? Call me at **679-5890**. I am handicapped, a passionate gardener who can't plant anymore. I am offering plots in my vegetable garden on North Road for anyone who loves to garden, is interested in growing their own, and the price is right – zero. The soil is rich, rototilled and receives full sun. Call for details.

*Audrey Porter*

**The Food Pantry in Brentwood**

The Food Pantry for the Town of Brentwood is located at Pilgrim United Church of Christ, 197 Middle Road in Brentwood. Non-perishable food items are available for any who have need. If you would like to visit the food pantry, please call Rev. Kim McKerley at the church. The number is 778-3189.

**Mailing Crew for April**

Many thanks on behalf of the community to those from the South Road/Lake Road neighborhood who assembled the April issue of the *Newsletter* for mailing: Ruth-Ann and Chris Cooper, Linda Johnston, June Little, Kirsten Phillips, Jennifer Sherman and Keith Tebo.

*Linda Rousseau, Editor*

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Business Card Directory: \$20 per insertion, available in April, September & December issues.

Business Article: \$100 half page, \$200 full page, available in any issue.

**Deadline for June Issue: Friday, May 21**

Mail or bring your articles to Linda Rousseau, 90 Prescott Road, Brentwood, NH 03833,  
 or e-mail to [lindarou@rcn.com](mailto:lindarou@rcn.com)

**4th of July 2010****Calling All Patriots --**

Another year has flown by and it is time again to begin anew the raising of funds for Brentwood's annual 4<sup>th</sup> of July Fireworks display. The past year has been filled with political turmoil and disasters of unimaginable proportions across the world, yet we are still here and that alone is cause for celebration.

We continue to believe it is important to support the opportunity to gather families, friends, neighbors and adjoining communities to celebrate the birth of our nation. Since 1989 Brentwood, in cooperation with the EFFORTS Committee at the Rockingham County Nursing Home, has sponsored the fireworks display as the finale of a family-oriented evening that includes music, hay rides, and family-affordable refreshments. Proceeds from the food concessions benefit the residents of the nursing home.

This year, in addition to seeking donations from the businesses and individuals who have so faithfully supported this cause over the years, we are also raffling off 4 Red Sox Baseball Tickets including parking. We look forward to everyone's continuing support as well as welcoming new supporters. The drawing will be on the 4th of July at dusk. Please help us to keep the tradition going. Donations may be sent to:

The Brentwood 4th of July Committee  
Dalton Road, Brentwood NH 03833

Brentwood Country Store and the Brentwood Town Clerk's Office will have raffle tickets and collection jars. If you have any questions please call Phyllis or Jane at 642-6400 ext. 14

Thank you for your support,

*Brentwood 4th of July Committee  
Phyllis Thompson Treasurer, Wayne  
Robinson, and Jane Byrne*

**4th of July Parade – Plan to Be There!**

**Organizations, businesses, individuals ☼**  
**Everyone is welcome to join! Come and parade your tractors, floats, trucks, antique cars, new cars, decorated trikes and bikes, youth groups, adult groups, costumed characters, horses, farm animals, pets – all to celebrate the birthday of the USA!**

**Since the 4th is on a Sunday, line up at Swasey School at 10:00 AM. Step-off at 11:00 AM sharp.**

**Come and Join or Come and Watch!**  
**Questions? 642-6400 Ext. 14**

**Thanks from the School Board**

On behalf of the Brentwood School Board and all the staff at Swasey Central School I would like to thank the voters who attended this year's school district meeting for passing the Swasey School Budget. We all understand how tight everyone's personal budget is and appreciate the support. I would also like to thank the Brentwood Budget Committee for their guidance and support throughout the budget process. The Brentwood School Board meets on the 2nd Monday of each month during the school year and we welcome your attendance and input. Please check the Swasey Central School website for the latest calendar and information (<http://scs.sau16.org/>).

*Charlie Gargaly  
Chair, Brentwood School Board*

**Swasey Parent Faculty Group**

Mark your calendars for the next meeting:  
**May 18, 2010 at 6:30 p.m., Swasey School Library**

During this meeting new officers will be voted in to office and the fundraising ideas for next year will be discussed further. We will also further discuss the 2010-2011 PFG Budget at this meeting. Make sure to join us and enter for a chance to win a beautiful Lia Sophia piece valued at \$100, generously donated by Lisa Bradsher! Congratulations to Kim Denman, the winner of the April Meeting drawing. She went home with a gift card to On The Vine.

We would like to thank Tony Baldasaro for a great Geocaching Workshop! Families learned more about what geocaching is, what equipment is needed and how to work the equipment. It was a great night!

Another big thank you goes out to Cynthia Buckels and Kathie Babine, for the informative Moodle presentation for parents. Parents got to know the ins and outs of Moodle for kids and Moodle for parents.

All PFG Executive Board positions are open for next year. If you are interested in running for a position please email Mrs. Ostrowski ([jostrowki@sau16.org](mailto:jostrowki@sau16.org)). Don't forget to attend the May meeting to find out more about each position and to participate in the election.

**Spring Clothing Line** – Our spring clothing line is coming! Find the order forms in the Wednesday folder on May 5 and online starting on May 5. All orders will be due back by Friday, May 14.

**Teacher Luncheon** – We are getting ready for the end-of-the-year teacher luncheon and will be looking for donations of food, raffle prizes and lunch room aides for the day. Find the form in the Wednesday folder.

**PFG Website** – if you have questions or need more information about any of our events please visit our website <http://swaseypfg.pbwiki.com/>

*Pam Carr*

## Mary E. Bartlett Memorial Library

Thanks to the New Hampshire Humanities Council, we will be presenting Joan Gattorna, who combines research and theatrical skills to bring to life the story of Deborah Sampson, a young woman who disguised herself as a man in order to serve in the Continental Army for seventeen months. Join us on **Thursday evening, May 6** for this remarkable performance of **"The Petticoat Patriot: A Woman in the Continental Army."**

**Fresh, the Movie**, a joint venture of the CSA Farm and the Library, will be shown on **Wednesday evening, May 12 at 7:00 p.m.** This is a documentary celebrating the farmers, thinkers and business people across America reinventing our food system.

The **Friday Night Flick** for the **14th** is *Night at the Museum, Battle of the Smithsonian*, starring Ben Stiller and rated PG.

This month's **Ladies Night** movie, *The Young Victoria*, will be shown on Thursday evening, **May 20 at 7:00 p.m.** Starring Emily Blunt and Rupert Friend, this lavish historical drama is rated PG.

The **Brentwood Bookers** will be discussing *The Dante Club* by Matthew Pearl, an intriguing story set in 1865 Boston. The preparations of the Dante Club, led by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow and Oliver Wendell Holmes, to release the first translation of Dante's *Divine Comedy*, are threatened by a series of murders that recreate episodes from *Inferno*. Join us for an evening's discussion about murder and mayhem on the **24th at 7:00 p.m.**

Do you and your dog get along well or do you have issues? Certified professional dog trainer, Lenore Smith, discusses how people of all ages should learn about the basics of relating to dogs. This is a wonderful opportunity for all of you dog owners whose relationship with your canine pet is less amicable than you might like. **Kids and K9 Safety** will be presented on Wednesday, **May 26 at 6:30 p.m.**

In observance of Earth Day, we were privileged to have four students from Phillips Exeter Academy come to the library to help Joyce Keegal with her latest project, the Library Children's Garden. Brentwood's own Luke Wellington was here as well as Gian Paul Graziosi of Bloomfield, New Jersey, Tyler Harden of Hertzilia, Israel and Ashley Reid of River Forest, Illinois. Thank you, each and every one of you, for your hard work.

Does anyone in town have some of the old town reports stored away that you might be happy to donate to the library collection? We are missing the years from 1952 to 1954 as well as 1921 to 1929. We do have a lot of people who come here to do genealogical research, so filling in the missing years would be a big help. We will even be happy to take them with torn pages or coffee rings on them!

Thanks to Kelly Ellis who comes each and every week to volunteer at the library. We thoroughly enjoy her visits and Joyce Miller constantly challenges her with a whole lot to do. Kelly always exceeds Joyce's expectations. Way to go, Kelly!

*Marilyn Morehead, Library Director*

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## Friends of the Library

The Friends of the Library meet monthly on the first Thursday of the month to talk about how we can assist our librarians with programming, projects and fundraisers. We would love to hear your ideas! Please join us at our next monthly meeting, on **Thursday, May 6 at 9:30 am**. All are welcome. If you would like to receive an email reminder about upcoming meetings, please send an email to marybartlett76@yahoo.com.

We are pleased to let you know we have acquired a pass for the Peabody Essex Museum in Salem, Mass.! Did you know there are now 15 passes available to locations in New Hampshire, Maine and Massachusetts? The Passes - which provide reduced or free admission - are offered through the Library and The Friends of The Library. A complete listing can be viewed at the Library website at <http://home.comcast.net/~bartlettlibrary/>. Click on the "Family Fun Passes" link on the bottom right. Or visit the Library to see our display board.

**Books & Blooms** is coming up next month, on **Saturday, May 22!** This event is held in conjunction with the Brentwood Gardeners. You can purchase your plants from the Gardeners and your books from the Friends! Baked goods will also be available for sale.

Preparations are under way for the **Brentwood Gathering** on **Saturday, October 23!** If you have homemade and handmade products you wish to sell, and would like to participate in this wonderful craft fair, please contact the Library at 642-3355.

*Michelle Siudut, Publicity*

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## Peppermint Ponies 4H Club and Summer Camp

Does your child love horses? Girls and boys ages 5 to 18 years are welcome to attend Peppermint Ponies 4H club meetings to learn more about horses, ponies, 4H and group hands-on activities. No experience or horse ownership is necessary. Questions? Contact Jan Brubacher, Leader at 679-3367, 303-1584, [j.brubacher@comcast.net](mailto:j.brubacher@comcast.net), [www.peppermintponies4h.org](http://www.peppermintponies4h.org), or [www.northroadfarm.com](http://www.northroadfarm.com). Scholarships available.

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## **Brentwood Recreation News**

**Thank You!** Thank you to all the families, players and coaches who came out on Field Clean-Up Day to help get the fields ready for the season. We had a wonderful turn-out of volunteers and everything looks great. Play ball!

### **Summer Soccer Camps**

We will be offering two soccer camps this summer for children:

**PlaySoccer** week of July 26-30. *Children 4-12 yrs.*

**Challenger Sports** week of August 23-27. *Children 3-12*

Brochures and Sign-up forms will be available in the Recreation office or you can sign up online through the following websites

**PlaySoccer** -- <http://www.playsoccercamps.com>

**Challenger Sports** <http://registration.challengersports.com>

**Register online early and receive a FREE World Cup shirt.** Consider being a host family for a visiting coach and receive a great discount on your child's registration fee.

### **New Class! Zumba Fitness Classes**

Zumba® is a Latin-inspired dance-fitness cardio-based workout that with incorporated sculpting exercises tones the entire body top to bottom. Zumba® takes you on an international journey through dance and rhythms including Salsa, Reggaeton, Merengue, Cumbia and much more. You will have so much fun listening to the music, doing the steps and moving your body you will forget you are exercising.

*Instructor Julie Dolliver is Zumba® and Zumba® Gold Certified and soon to be Zumba® Toning Certified. She also holds a Personal Trainer Certification and Group Fitness Certification through AFAA and is CPR certified.*

Please wear comfortable clothing and sneakers (older worn sneakers work best). Bring water!

**Cost is \$40/ six weeks. Drop-in is \$8.00**

**Morning Class:** Tuesdays 9-10:00am, **May 25–June 29**

**Evening Class:** Thursday 7-8:00pm, **June 24 – July 29**

Not sure if this is for you? Come Tuesday, May 18 from 9-9:30 am for a free DEMO Class.

### **Adult Coed Softball**

We will be starting an over-30 Coed Softball League here in Brentwood. Come join us for fun and exercise! The season will run mid-June through mid-August. If you are interested in playing or have a group interested in forming a team, please contact the Recreation office. Registration forms are available at the Recreation office or on our website. Cost is \$25 per person. Deadline for sign-ups is May 20.

### **Yoga Classes**

**Six weeks for \$48      \$10 drop-in**  
**Tuesday evenings 6:30 to 7:45 PM**

These will be yoga classes for anyone who has already experienced yoga, as well as for someone who would like to try yoga for the first time. Dress in comfortable clothing for this hour-and-fifteen minute class to enjoy the benefits of yoga for strength, flexibility, and for stress-reduction in your life. **Come join us!**

All-levels yoga classes, taught by Yoga Alliance Certified Instructor, Wilhelmina Bradley, RYT.

### **Tang Soo Do Classes**

Tang Soo Do is a Korean Martial Art that emphasizes whole body self defense and physical training. It is a true Martial Art comprised of both hard and soft techniques. Training in Tang Soo Do is beneficial for self discipline, self defense and health.

Classes are taught by Retired Law Enforcement office Bob Meegan. He is currently a 3rd degree Black Belt with the World Tang Soo Do Association. Classes are available Monday and Friday at the Brentwood Community Center. **6:30-8:00pm.**

Enrollment is continual, so you may begin at any point.

**Cost:** \$50/single per month

\$90/family per month (2 or more)

For more information contact instructor Bob Meegan at 742-3565 or contact the Recreation office.

### **Cribbage Group**

#### **Wednesday evenings at 7 pm**

Our group meets at the Brentwood Community Center on Route 125 for a fun, casual evening of cribbage playing. If you would like to join us or just want more information, please contact: Ursula Mackey at [ucbm@comcast.net](mailto:ucbm@comcast.net) or 603-642-9178. A \$1 donation is appreciated. **All are welcome!**

### **Baseball/Softball**

Schedules for all teams are available on our web site.

### **Facilities Rental**

Remember there are still weekday and weekend dates available at the Community Center. Consider having your meeting, birthday party, shower, or other events at our facility. Brentwood residents receive a 50% discount off the rental rates! See our website for pictures of the Center and rental application or pick up an application at the Recreation office.

Check out the Recreation pages on the town website, [www.brentwoodnh.gov](http://www.brentwoodnh.gov). Forms are there to be downloaded for your convenience, as well as other important information about current programs and events.

**Margaret Dullea, Recreation Director**

(603) 642-6400 ext. 20      [recreation@brentwoodnh.gov](mailto:recreation@brentwoodnh.gov)  
Office hours: Mon. Tues. & Thurs. 8:30am-3:30 pm.  
Commission meetings 4th Tuesday of the month at 6:30 pm.

## Report from Your State Representative

The most controversial House vote in April was taken on the 21st when Senate Bill 489 came to the floor. This was Senator Lou D'Allesandro's legislation to expand gambling in New Hampshire by allowing slot machines and table games at six locations -- existing racetracks in Salem, Belmont and Seabrook, a resort/casino in Hudson, and two casinos in the North Country. The vote came after more than two hours of debate, and the result was the most clearly bipartisan on a major piece of legislation in the 2010 session. 212 House members (119 Democrats and 93 Republicans) voted against the bill, 158 (84 Democrats and 74 Republicans) voted in favor.

Supporters of the bill said it would create jobs and provide much needed revenue to the state. They countered arguments that gambling would drastically change the ambience of New Hampshire, noting that gambling is already a fixture here because of the lottery, gambling at race tracks, and charitable games of chance.

Opponents said the bill would indeed have a negative and lasting impact of our way of life and give rise to increased crime and social problems. They charged that the bill would not adequately regulate the gambling industry, that it would create an unfair monopoly, and that predictions of revenues for the state were highly inflated.

Although I think gambling is an irresponsible way to raise revenue, I was torn during the debate. The argument that expanded gambling would create jobs and avert further serious cuts in state services to the needy was credible. But on the other hand, there would be some adverse societal consequences stemming from the presence of casinos and thousands of slot machines. For example, the number of problem gamblers would increase. It is not at all clear, though, by how many. As for the claim that we would see an increase in crime with an expansion of gambling, in view of the absence of solid evidence to that effect, we don't know for sure.

So why did I vote to defeat SB 489? (1) Although some of money coming to the state from expanded gambling would be available quickly, most of it would not come on stream for as long as a couple of years from now. So the initial boost to the budget would be much less than claimed. (2) Too heavy a reliance on revenues from gambling would be bad policy: a highly respected study has shown that even continuous expansion into new forms of gambling has not given states long-term budget stability because gambling revenues don't keep pace with necessary government expenditures (e.g., on roads) over time and can add to, rather than ease, long-term budget imbalances. It also has been shown that states dependent on gambling are under constant pressure to expand gambling even further. (3) If Massa-

chusetts legalizes slot machines, New Hampshire's revenue from slot machines will drastically decrease.

The issue is not dead. A provision for expanded gambling is being attached to another bill and will require a vote later this month. If efforts to raise some sorely needed revenue fail to get the House's backing and if, as a result, budget cuts will seriously harm many New Hampshire residents, I could feel compelled to reconsider my position on a gambling bill. Not that it will matter, for a majority of House members is likely to continue to oppose expanded gambling.

As for increased revenue, clearly, any new broad-based tax is out of the question. About 70 percent of NH residents oppose an income tax and there is very little backing for a sales tax. Without popular support, a broad-based tax is not going to see the legislative light of day, and if one did, the governor would veto it. The House Finance Committee is considering a number of revenue raising measures, including a tobacco tax, an estate tax, and a capital gains tax. Later this month the committee will pass on to the House its recommendations.

One legislative action that will directly benefit Brentwood is a vote (222\*-129) by the House April 21 to defeat a bill that would have continued a local property tax exemption for telephone company poles and conduits. In 1998 the legislature enacted a law stating that poles and conduits would be taxed as real estate. At the same time, telephone companies were temporarily exempted from paying the tax. The exemption was extended five times. But not now. With the exemption no longer in place, municipalities will be able to apply the tax and thereby get some needed revenue, beginning next year.

**Don Petterson**

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Blog: <http://staterreport.blogspot.com>

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## Brentwood Democrats

We will have our next meeting on **Monday, May 17 at 7 PM** at the Mary Bartlett Library. Please come and join us as we discuss the issues facing our town, state and country. We will also be discussing the New Hampshire Democratic Party Platform as well as additions to be made by our committee.

On **Sunday, May 23**, Congressman Paul Hodes will be in Exeter for a fundraising event for his US Senate campaign. The event will be held at Julie Gilman's home in Exeter. Her address is 96 High Street, Exeter.

**Margaret Kerkhove**

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## Honoring Veterans – Sunday, May 30

Grace Ministries invites all veterans and their families to a special Memorial Day Service at 10:00am, in honor of all our servicemen and women in Brentwood and the surrounding communities. Retired veteran Sergeant First Class Jon Worrall, a Purple Heart recipient, will speak about his experiences in Iraq and how he came to be injured, as well as his mission now to help other soldiers and veterans receive the benefits they deserve. Afterwards, everyone is invited to a Family Barbeque on the grounds of GMI. The church is located at 263 Route 125.

Please join Grace Ministries in demonstrating our respect, love and gratitude to Jon and all veterans, as well as remembering those fallen heroes who gave the ultimate sacrifice...all of them willingly defending the values of our forefathers who orchestrated the freedoms we enjoy today and who remind us that "freedom is never really free...it comes with a price."

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## Excerpts from the "Superintendent's Reports"

of March and April 2010, by SAU 16 Superintendent Michael A. Morgan

- The Seacoast School of Technology (SST) publishes a monthly newsletter, The Beacon, which provides substantial information about its programs and activities. It is available electronically at [www.SeacoastTech.com](http://www.SeacoastTech.com).
  - **Donna Buxton**, owner of Buxton Oil Company, was selected recently as the Regional Champions for Children Award for her outstanding and unselfish work in contributing to and assisting with the Kids Who Care program at the Cooperative Middle School. Because of her efforts and the collaboration with her successful business, many area families have benefited from fuel assistance especially during the winter months. Donna's selection for this award that is sponsored by the New Hampshire School Administrators Association also recognizes her significant donations to toy drives, food drives, donations of truckloads of water to have a public outdoor skating rink, and efforts to help build a community playground.
  - Associate Superintendent of Schools **Paul Flynn** was recently informed that he had been chosen to receive the 2010 Outstanding Community Service Award from the New Hampshire School Administrators Association. NHSAA praised him not only for "the wonderful knowledge, experience and energy that you bring to your work, but also the esteem educators in this state have for you." The actual award will be presented to him at the annual conference of the state's superintendents in late June.
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Friends of the Library & Brentwood Gardeners

## **BOOK SALE &**

## **PLANT SALE**

**Mary E. Bartlett Library**

**SATURDAY, MAY 22**

9:00 AM – NOON or Sell-Out!

## Let Your Perennials be Thinned and Help the Plant Sale

As you look over your perennial flower beds emerging this month, let the Brentwood Gardeners come and thin those plants that are getting too crowded. They will do the work and the extra plants will be sold at the Plant Sale, going to another garden where they will be appreciated.

Call Gladys Ray, Plant Sale Chair, at 778-9424.

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## Brentwood Seniors

The Seniors meeting of April 28 featured another delicious pot luck luncheon and a chance to spread out and play some favorite board games afterward.

The meeting of **Wednesday, May 26** will feature a Lobster Luncheon with all the fixings. As usual, members will gather between 11:00-11:30am for room set-up and appetizers, start the short business meeting at 11:30, and begin the lunch buffet soon afterward. Everyone is reminded to bring his/her own nut-cracker!

The luncheon is being held in Brentwood instead of driving to a distant lobster restaurant. The lobsters will be purchased locally, already cooked, and brought to the Community Center. Members will be called about what foods to bring. The Seniors treasury will partially pay the cost and the remaining costs will be collected from each member at the meeting.

Gene Orcutt has kindly agreed to get the lobsters and bring them to the Center. He must have your name on his list in order to make the purchase. If you did not sign up at the April meeting, **call Gene at 642-4597**. Guests and visitors are welcome as usual.

*Linda Rousseau for the Seniors*



## **Town-Wide Yard Sale for "A Place to Grow"**

**Brentwood and Fremont Town-Wide Yard Sale on Saturday, June 5, 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.**

For the bargain price of \$25, "A Place to Grow" will take care of all publicity, maps and advertising. You simply hold a yard sale at your home and keep the proceeds! Your participation fee of \$25 and donations will benefit the children and families of "A Place to Grow" by supporting the purchase of new equipment and supplies.

Don't want to deal with your own yard sale? Items in good condition can be donated directly to the school for our yard sale, at 24 Commercial Drive, Brentwood. To register for this exciting event:

By Mail: Complete the form below and mail it to "A Place to Grow" along with a check in the amount of \$25, postmarked by May 28. In Person: Monday – Friday 7am-5:30 pm at "A Place to Grow," 24 Commercial Drive, Brentwood. Please register before May 28 to ensure your location on the map. Late registrations will not appear on the map.

To make a donation: Schedule a drop-off time by calling Jen Briggs at 401-1499 or email at [brentwoodyardsale@yahoo.com](mailto:brentwoodyardsale@yahoo.com)

Items in good condition can be donated directly to the school for our yard sale. We will accept furniture, household items, children's items (clothing must be clean in good condition), books, toys, etc. Please, no items that require disposal fees if not purchased like electronics and appliances, unless previously approved.

Mail Application to: A Place to Grow, 24 Commercial Dr., Brentwood, NH 03833. Please print:

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email address \_\_\_\_\_

(For confirmation purposes)

At my house; address is \_\_\_\_\_

Please circle the type of goods or specialty items to be sold. This breakdown appears on the map.

a) Household items   b) Infant/toddler toys/games/books  
c) Children's toys/games/books   d) Clothing   e) Exercise equipment  
f) Furniture   g) Books   h) Electronics   i) Other (specialty items or categories/goods not listed): \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

## **Achievement**

**Jeff Gargaly**, son of Charlie and Jo Gargaly of Lyford Lane, was inducted into the Beta Gamma Sigma Honor Society on April 9, 2010. Jeff is a junior at The Whittemore School of Business and Economics at The University of New Hampshire. Membership in Beta Gamma Sigma is the highest recognition a business student can receive in a business program accredited by AACSB International.

## **Great Bay e-Learning Charter School Student Organizes Earth Day Clean-up After Trail Damage**

Last fall Jennifer Poggi, a student at the Great Bay eLearning Charter School, gathered a group of volunteers to rebuild the Quiet Trails System behind Swasey Central Elementary School. But recent storms made the trails once again unsafe and unusable.

Jennifer, along with Bob Schroeder, a fourth grade teacher, organized a second round of volunteers for an Earth Day clean-up. On April 22, Great Bay e-Learning Charter School students, friends and family cleaned up and put the finishing touches on the trails for student and public use. They were assisted by a group of University of New Hampshire forestry students, William Walker, Randy Marcotte Jr., Ben Marshall and Dana Clay of Blue Ridge Excavation. Thanks to their efforts, the trails will once again be available to all to enjoy the scenic woods, outdoor classrooms, and wildlife that live there.

The idea for rebuilding the trails first arose from an assignment to students at the Great Bay eLearning Charter School to design a community service project. As part of the assignment, students came up with a concept, designed brochures, wrote letters, and presented their projects to their peers and school community.

Jennifer, however, decided to take her idea one step further and make it a reality. She had developed the idea of bringing back the Quiet Trail System behind Swasey Central School, where she had attended elementary school. After a complicated process including applying for a grant, organizing volunteers and attending many meetings of the planning board, trails committee, and school board, her idea came to fruition on October 8, 2009. School officials, 100 volunteers from Timberland, Great Bay e-Learning Charter School students, family and friends worked together to bring the Quiet Trails back to life, along with outdoor classrooms and learning centers.

*Kathy Poggi*



## **Brentwood Historical Society**

A couple of weeks ago the Cub Scouts Dens 2 and 3 of Brentwood visited the Historical Soc Museum accompanied by their leaders, parents and some siblings. Due to other concerns and commitments, I happened to be the only one there to greet them and wondered how in the world I was going to handle this crowd of young people! Well, I want to commend them and their leaders and parents for how well behaved these young boys were. I love them !

I wish that I could have imparted a little more history of our town to them. After I got home I thought of all manner of things I could have told them. But I consoled myself by remembering that little boys' attention span doesn't last too long.

As we progress at new and changing displays I hope they'll visit us again. Any time you see activity going on in the building you are welcome to pop in on us and spend a little time talking with us or looking through our old books and scrapbooks. We are working on organizing our library corner where you can sit and take your time looking through the pages of old and new books our guest presenters have left us and that we are accumulating.

We'll be open at least one day a month during the summer and if we had more active members we could perhaps be open more. So c'mon and join us! We welcome new members and new suggestions. We usually meet one night a month and try to have a variety of programs to interest a variety of people. From January - March our meetings have been more like work parties with some informal meetings tossed in. You certainly don't have to be a member to join us in this; just another person who is interested gives us encouragement.

We plan to officially open our library corner from **10 to 1 on Saturday, May 15** when we honor the family who so graciously donated the table and chairs. Please come and thank them with us and look around the museum some more, as we will call that our first official Open House of the season. Because we have been working on a second exhibit called the School House Corner, we will celebrate by having a second Open House on **Saturday, May 22**, also from 10 to 1.

Many thanks to Jane Byrne who donated a handsome clothes rack in response to our call last month. We would be grateful for more clothes racks, quilt racks, and good dehumidifiers. For information please call me at 679-8635.

*Alma Vahey, President*

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## **Brentwood Republican Committee Hosts Candidate Forums**

The Brentwood Republican Committee continues to grow, as interest in the upcoming mid-term elections intensifies. In March we hosted our first Republican Candidate Forum. Three of the four Republican candidates for the United States Senate -- Kelly Ayotte, Jim Bender, and Ovide Lamontagne -- spoke about why they are running for office and why they feel they should be elected. They answered questions posed by the moderator and residents, in a Town Hall style. Any of these Republican candidates would represent the state of New Hampshire well if elected. All in attendance agreed it was a great night of politics at the local level.

On Wednesday, April 21, we hosted all six of the Republican candidates vying to represent the 1<sup>st</sup> District of New Hampshire in the US Congress. Rich Ashooh, Peter Bearse, Bob Bestani, Mike Castaldo, Frank Guinta and Sean Mahoney shared their reasons and qualifications for running for Congress, and responded to a series of questions from the Town Committee and from voters.

Also in April, the Brentwood Republican Committee activated its own YouTube channel. On it we will post all of the Candidate forums and other interesting videos. If you'd like to see what you missed at the Senate and Congressional Forum, check it out at <http://www.youtube/user/BrentwoodNHGOP>. With the addition of a YouTube channel to the existing web site, Facebook and Twitter accounts, we are fully represented in the social media. Become a fan on Facebook, under **Brentwood Republican Town Committee** and on Twitter, at <http://twitter.com/brentwoodnhgop> for all the latest information, events schedule and commentary, as well as our web site, <http://www.brentwoodnhgop.org>. Be sure to bookmark all of our sites on your next surf of the web.

Mark your calendars for Wednesday, May 19, for the third Candidate Forum. The three Republican candidates for the Governor of New Hampshire, Jack Kimball, Karen Testerman and John Stephen will be on hand for a Town Hall style discussion. Finally in June, on Wednesday the 16th, we will invite the local Republican candidates for the NH House, Senate, Executive Council, and County Commissioner to speak with us. Both events will be held at the Hilton Auditorium in the Rockingham County Complex at 117 North Road, with a mixer starting at 6:30 PM, and the Forums kicking off around 7 PM. Hope to see you there!

*Michael Silverman*

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## Whiskers Walk

"4 Li'l Paws Ferret Shelter" will participate in the third annual Whiskers Walk on Sunday, June 6. Unlike other pet walks, pledges for the ferrets will go to the shelter.

You may sponsor OZZIE, BRODY, ARIES, NEMESIS or the shelter in general. Your donation is tax deductible as we are a 501(c)(3) non-profit shelter. Many of you have seen me walking the "kids" in their stroller on Prescott Road. Feel free to stop and meet the ferrets.

We also have many hospice ferrets that cannot be adopted. Donations are welcome as we receive NO state funding or other funding of any kind and rely on fundraisers and donations.

*Sue Kern*

49 Prescott Road, Brentwood 778-0172

## Public Fun/Fundraisers for Lighthouse Christian Academy and Grace Ministries

### What's "WATS"? Friday, May 14, 6:00-9:00pm

It stands for the Lighthouse Christian Academy's "Wicked Awesome Theatre Show," a FUNraiser for LCA happening in the Theatre of GMI. High school age kids will be performing various skits (including a pantomime dance!) and a menu of pasta, salad and home made bread will be served. Tickets are \$10/adult and \$6/school age child. To purchase tickets or for more info, please call LCA at 642-3756.

### Annual Golf Tournament – Monday, May 17, Sunup to Sundown!

Love to play golf? Here's a chance to do what you love and help LCA at Breakfast Hill Country Club in Greenland, where you can play 100 holes (not kidding!), enjoy breakfast, lunch and continuous refreshments during the day and win great prizes for "Longest Drive" and "Closest-to-Pin" contests all day long! Sponsor yourself for \$1.00/hole with your \$100 tax deductible donation or solicit sponsorships and play with business associates and friends. Direct all inquiries to Allen Cook, Player Captain at 603-770-5788.

### Annual Kids Fishing Derby (10:00am–2:00pm) and Yard Sale (9:00am–2:00pm)! Saturday, May 22

Stocked trout pond, prizes, refreshments! \$7.00 per participant, live bait \$3.00...and lots of fun! Open to: 4-8 years, 9-13 years, and 14-17 years. (All children must be accompanied by a parent or responsible adult.) For more information, call LCA at 642-3756.

## "The Best of the Wurst"

**Pilgrim Church** on Route 111A in Brentwood will be holding its Sixth Annual **"Wurst Night Buffet"** on **Saturday, June 5**, serving **continuously from 5:00 to 6:30 p.m.** A celebration of the sausage makers' art promises to provide plenty of variety for those who enjoy the various flavors and textures of not only the "Wursts" but also the many goodies offered to complement them. From the buffet style service, you can sample each of the many selections or concentrate on your favorite knockwurst, kielbasa, bratwurst, sweet and hot Italian sausage, and the ever popular "Hot Dog". Sauerkraut, sweet and sour red cabbage, hot German and regular potato salad, coleslaw, baked beans, chili, and a variety of mustards and relish styles will be capped off with home baked loaves of whole grain, rye and pumpernickel bread.

Tickets will be available only at the door. Adults \$10.00 -- Children Under Twelve \$5.00

*Gene Orcutt*

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## 8-Foot Tables for Sale

Pilgrim United Church of Christ Brentwood-Kingston has replaced their 3' x 8' particle board and plywood tables with lighter weight plastic ones. These tables are being sold "as is" for \$15.00 (suitable as an extra table when entertaining family and friends or as a craft table), \$10.00 (use as an extra table in a basement or for sorting laundry), and \$5.00 (useful in a garage or when setting up for a yard sale.) To purchase one (or more) please call 778-3189 or send an e-mail to [pilgrimucc@pilgrimucc-nh.org](mailto:pilgrimucc@pilgrimucc-nh.org) to make further arrangements.

*Faith Levesque*

## Brentwood Graduates

The *Newsletter* is interested in news of Brentwood residents who have earned a diploma, certificate, degree or associate's degree.

Exeter High School will supply us with the list of its Brentwood graduates, which will appear in the July/August issue of this *Newsletter*. But we need the help of families and friends to learn about all others. Don't be hesitant to let us know about your graduates. They deserve our recognition and their families deserve credit for the support they've given. Please call or e-mail me – phone 772-4534, [lindarou@rcn.com](mailto:lindarou@rcn.com) – with your information. Thank you.

*Linda Rousseau, Editor*

## Brentwood Kitchens

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David Roberts, on the left, stands next to his son Shane in front of their offices on Route 125.

David Roberts has been designing, enhancing and building homes and offices in Brentwood for over 30 years. Our library, community center and town offices have all benefitted from his ideas. His son, an expert in and passionate about kitchens, is fully engaged in the business, and his expertise has led to a sharpened focus on kitchen design and construction. The underlying theme, as the sign on the roof says, is "Love Your Home Again." This means that the kitchen must be a delight to work in, as well as aesthetically pleasing. With David's long experience and Shane's special expertise, both can be achieved in a highly cost-effective way.

If you are considering using granite in your kitchen, you owe it to yourself to consult Shane. He has studied the substance, and not only is he a fount of knowledge, but Brentwood Kitchens offers an impressive array of stunning granite at unbeatable prices. While every job is treated as unique, easy and affordable enhancements are often very satisfying. Installing crown molding, chair rail, new lighting, or maybe just nifty new door knobs and better drawer runs could transform how you feel in and about your kitchen — and what's more important than that?

Start by visiting David or Shane, but call first, as they are often out on jobs. You will see right away why they are a better choice than Mr. Big Box, although you can buy stuff at BB if you wish. They do not sell any particular brand, but will help you choose, as they work to design your special kitchen. They will be personally present during the installation and will coordinate both materials and tradespeople. A new kitchen, physically comfortable and functional, visually attractive and peaceful, and one which feels good when you are in it awaits your call.

### A Brentwood Newsletter Business Article

#### **Benefit 5K Walk or Run for Angie –** **Sunday, May 23, 2010 8:30 a.m.**

Angie French Bertram is a wonderfully caring 42-year-old woman who suffered an AVM (Arterio-Venous Malformation) in her brain stem. She has been married for 15 years to Kurt (who grew up in Brentwood and graduated from Exeter High School). They live on a 95-acre farm with 40 alpacas and their beloved dogs. Angie's passions in life have been her animals and teaching. She taught science for 16 years at the high school and middle school levels. Some of you may know her from her work as an 8th grade science teacher at the Cooperative Middle School. Her dedication to her students and to her career was recognized by being named Rookie Teacher of the Year for New Hampshire in 1993.

On August 29, 2008 Angie had a stroke when the AVM in her brain stem hemorrhaged. The injury to

Angie's brain was significant. Her vision, hearing and ability to move were all impaired. She has severe motor ataxia that impacts her ability to walk and to care for herself independently. Angie's cognition was not affected. She remains the intelligent and capable person she has always been.

Throughout her life Angie has always been strong and determined and finishes what she starts. She is now faced with her most daunting challenge and she is facing it with courage and perseverance.

Please join us to support Angie and Kurt on May 23 at Exeter High School and run or walk! You can register for the race online at:

<http://www.active.com/running/exeter-nh/5k-run-or-walk-for-angie-2010>. Or contact Pam Carr for a registration form: [carrps@comcast.net](mailto:carrps@comcast.net).

*Pam Carr*

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- May 10 School Board – 6:15 pm, Swasey School  
 May 11 Selectmen's meeting – 7:00 pm, Cross Room, Town Office Building  
 May 12 Conservation Commission – 7:00 pm, Cross Room, Town Office Building  
**Fresh, the Movie – 7 pm, Bartlett Library**  
 May 13 Historical Society -- 7:00 pm, work and planning session, Historical Society Museum  
 May 14 **"WATS" Theater Show, 6:00-9:00 pm, Grace Ministries theater. See page 10.**  
**Friday Night Flick at the Library – 7:00 pm**  
 May 15 **Spring Bird Walk – 7 am.** Meet leader Mark Hatfield at gate to Pine Rd. Migration Area. Call 659-0705.  
**Historical Society Museum Open House – 10 am–1 pm, 140 Crawley Falls Road**  
 May 17 Library Trustees – 6:00 pm, Bartlett Library  
 Brentwood Democratic Committee meeting – 7 pm, Bartlett Library  
 May 18 Parent Faculty Group, 6:30 pm, Swasey School Library  
 Selectmen's meeting – 7:00 pm, Cross Room, Town Office Building  
 May 19 Brentwood Republican Committee – 6:30 pm, Hilton Auditorium, County Complex, 117 North Road  
 May 20 Planning Board – 7:00 pm, Cross Room, Town Office Building  
**Ladies Night at the Movies – 7:00 pm, Bartlett Library, "The Young Victoria"**  
 May 22 **Brentwood Gardeners Plant Sale – 9:00 am to sellout, Bartlett Library**  
**Friends of the Library Book Sale & Coffee/doughnuts – 9:00 am- 12:00, Bartlett Library**  
**Historical Society Museum Open House – 10 am-1pm, 140 Crawley Falls Road**  
**Household Hazardous Waste Collection – Hampton. 9 – 12, Corner Academy Ave. & Winnacunnet Rd**  
**Fishing Derby & Yard Sale – 10-2, Lighthouse Christian Acad., see page 10.**  
 May 23 5K Run or Walk for Angie – 8:30 am, Exeter High School  
 May 24 Brentwood Bookers – 7:00 pm, Bartlett Library  
 May 25 Selectmen's meeting – 7:00 pm, Cross Room, Town Office Building  
 Recreation Commission – 6:30 pm, Sanborn Room, Town Office Building  
 May 26 Brentwood Seniors Lobster Luncheon at Community Center – gather from 11-11:30 am  
**Kids and K9 Safety – 6:30 pm, speaker Lenore Smith, Bartlett Library.**  
 May 30 **Honoring Veterans – 10 am, Grace Ministries theater, Jon Worrall speaker**  
 May 31 **Memorial Day ceremony – 8:00 am, Tonry Cemetery, Middle Road**  
  
 June 1 Selectmen's meeting – 7:00 pm, Cross Room, Town Office Building  
 June 2 Cemetery Trustees – 7:00 pm, Town Office Building  
 June 3 Friends of the Library – 9:30 am, Bartlett Library  
 Planning Board -- 7:00 pm, Cross Room, Town Office Building  
 June 5 **Town-wide Yard Sale to benefit A Place to Grow, 8–2. Maps at 24 Commercial Drive**  
**"Best of the Wurst" buffet supper – 5-6:30, Pilgrim Church, 196 Middle Rd./Route 111A**

The public is welcome at all above events

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